

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

January 30, 2019

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2019-26-E

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2019-26-E - Petition of Duke Energy Progress, Incorporated for an Accounting Order to Defer Incremental Storm Damage Expenses from Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael, and to Continue Previously Authorized Storm Deferrals - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Duke Energy Progress, Incorporated's Petition for an Accounting Order to Defer Incremental Storm Damage Expenses from Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael, and to Continue Previously Authorized Storm Deferrals.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Grant Duke Energy Progress, Incorporated's Petition for an Accounting Order to Defer Incremental Storm Damage Expenses from Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael, and to Continue Previously Authorized Storm Deferrals.

The Company states that Hurricane Florence devastated large portions of South Carolina and North Carolina in September 2018, resulting in unprecedented costs and the costliest single storm restoration project in the Company's history, and just over three weeks later, the remnants of Hurricane Michael inflicted additional damage across the DE Progress service territory.

In addition, Duke states that it has incurred significant storm restoration costs in its South Carolina service territory over the last five years. The Company has requested and received deferral for two 2014 storms (Docket No. 2014-482-E) and for Hurricane Matthew (Docket No. 2016-408-E). The Company requests, and I move that we grant, extension of those deferrals previously ordered so that the Company may explore alternative options for recovery of these deferred balances. If the Company is unable to secure a suitable, alternative recovery mechanism that results in customer savings, then the Company, at that point, will seek recovery through more traditional mechanisms in a future rate case for all the deferred costs sought in its Petition.

The Company represents that approval of this deferral request will benefit the Company and its customers by helping to ensure investors' confidence in DE Progress, and help assure access to needed capital on reasonable terms and equitable treatment as to deferred costs and revenues. ORS has reviewed the filing and has stated it has no objection to it.

The request for relief set forth herein will not involve a change to any of DEP's retail rates or prices at this time. In addition, the issuance of the requested accounting order will not prejudice the right of the Commission or any party to address the reasonableness of these costs, including carrying costs, in a subsequent rate proceeding.

PRESIDING: Randall

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
ELAM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ERVIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

